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ON MARCH 15, 1976, RAYMOND MOLINA, A UNITED STATES
CITIZEN, WHO TOOK PART IN THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION OF CUBA,
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA:

DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, HE WAS PLACED IN CONTACT
WITH JORGE ANTONIO, A FORMER OFFICIAL IN THE GOVERNMENT OF
JUAN DOMINGO PERON, WHICH WAS OVERTHROWN IN 1955 BY A MILITARY
COUP D'ETAT. ANTONIO HAS BEEN RESIDING ABROAD EVER SINCE THE

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1955 COUP AND IS AN ACCITATE FINANCIER. ANTONIO, WHO IS ORIGINALLY
OF LEBANESE EXTRACTION, INFORMED THE SOURCE THAT HE HAS BEEN
IN RECENT CONTACT WITH IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY
REGARDING THEIR PLANS TO OUST INCUMBENT ARGENTINE PRESIDENT
MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON. ANTONIO CLAIMED THAT HE HAS AN
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	OF ECONOMY AND MINISTER OF FINANCE WITH CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS.
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On 3/13/76, I contacted Raymond Molina, a United States citizen of Cuban-American parentage, who arrived in Buenes Aires on 3/12/76. Molina advised he has business interests in Mani, Florida and Managua, Micaragua, where he is a personal friend of President Someza. Molina stated he took part in the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba and maintains an active interest in seeing the demise of Fidel Castro.

Holina advised that for the past several months, an acquaintance named Jamil had been attempting to establish a personal meeting through Molina with officials of the United States Government for Jorge Antonio. Molina stated he was not interested in arranging for any contacts with Jorge Antonio through Jamil and more or less avoided any commitment in this regard. Movever, approximately four weeks ago Janil contacted him in Managua in order to seek his intercession in arranging for an interview between President Comoza and Jorge Antonio. He arranged this interview and President Echoza subsequently advised him that he had been favorably impressed with Jorge Antonic and that the Nicaraguan Government intended to do business with Antonio. A personal meeting was then arranged between Holina and Jorge Antonio, during which the latter Stated he desired to make himself known to the United States Government and explained background and plans for the future, stating that he intended to return to Argentina where he felt he could solve Argentina's terrorist and financial problems. (\$

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Antonio advised that he believed he could halt Hontonero operations against the government, since he has excellent contacts in that <u>Eucrilla</u> organization and that he would be willing to act as a gc-between in arranging a truco between the Montoneros and the Argentine Government. In the financial area. Antenio stated he is certain that he can solve Argentina's critical economic plight by arranging to refinance Argentina's foreign debt through Arab contacts. Antonio noted that the incumbent Peronist Government was completely corrupt and immoral and that he had sufficient proof to document a public expess of Mrs. Peron, Lopez Rega and other present and past officials in Ers. Foron's Government. Antonio noted that he had established contacts with unnamed Argentine Army generals throughout various parts of the world and offered his cervices to them in the above-described terrorist and financial areas. Antonio informed Molina that he would arrange an interview by Molina with General Carlos Alberto Dalla Tea, the Secretary General of the Argentine Army Estado Mayor in order that General Dalla Tea might review the Argentine armed forces' plans for an imminent coup d'etat against the Government of Mrs. Peron. Antonio sent a letter via courier to Gen. Dalla Tea on 3/3/76 and an interview was scheduled formally with the General on 3/14/76. (\$)(N)(\$)

Antonic told Molina he desired to establish contact with members of the U.S. Government in order to explain his position to them and attempt to extract some form of understanding with the U.S. that the United States Government would not raise objections to his holding a position in the forthcoming military government after Mrs. Peron is deposed. Antonio frankly stated that one of his fears was that Secretary of State Rissinger, who is of the Jewish faith, might object to Antonio, who has close ties in the Arab world and who is originally of Lebanese extraction. (5)

In order to prove that he wields influence with certain Central American leaders which could be used to benefit Argentina, Antonio stated that he would arrange with Panamanian President Torrijos to send word to opponents of returning the Panama Canal in the United States Senate that he, Torrijos, would nederate his propaganda cutbursts and get down to serious negotiations with the United States. According to Molina,

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Torrijes did send his Ambassador in Washington to relay this message to Senators Jesse Helms and Strom Thursond.

On 3/15/76, I again contacted Molina, who provided the following information: (\$)(%)(\$)

During the afternoon and evening of 3/14/76, he met with Gen. Alberto Carlos Dalla Tea at the suburban residence of Jorge Antonio's son. Gen. Palla Tea and Antonio's son, as vell as their respective vives, obviously had net before and were on friendly terms. Gen. Dalla Tea outlined plans for a coup u'etat which will take place between 3/17/76 and 3/18/76 in order to cust President Peren. Gen. Dalla Tea acknowledged that he was aware of the fact that Jorge Antonio would return to Argentina ca 3/20/78 and that he would be welcomed by the Argentine Military. Balla Tea told Molina that the Argentine military will take exclusive control of the country for a period of approximately ten days, after which they will begin naming civilian technicians to hold key government positions and take over several ministries, including Foreign Relations, Economy and Finance. Gen. Dalla Tea told Molina the Argentine military recognized the fact they will have to take over several unions which will oppose a military coup but that they were prepared to do so. Gen. Dalla Tea told Molina that the Argenting military intend to arrest a number of officials, past and present, from Ers. Peron's Government and put them on trial for economic crimes which have been documented by the Argentine Army. Gen. Dalla Ten told Molina that the Argentine military desire close relations with the United States. Additionally, Gen. Dalla Tea informed Molina that the Argentine military believe that the government has taken over too many private industries and that many of these should be returned to private control in order to encourage private investment and to relieve the government of committing its financial and personal resources to running these enterprises. In this connection, Gen. Dalla Tea specifically told Holina that the military intend to establish contact with the International Telephone and Telegraph Company in order to arrange for that company to again take over the administration and development of the Argentine Telephone Company. Gen. Dalla Tea informed Molina that Gen. Videla, Commander in Chief of the ()

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Argentine Army, will be the unquestioned leader of the coup d'etat.

Woling noted that Antonic makes no secret of the fact that he initially desires to obtain a position in the government immediately after the military coup and eventually he hopes to run for election and become President of Argenting. (5)

Holina noted that the one flow in the Argentine military preparations for the 3/17-18/76 coup d'etat was a lack of public relations preparation in order to explain their position to the cutside world. Molina noted that he would be very much interested in securing a contract with the military government to handle their public relations. (\$) (5)

Holina diviced that he is considering traveling to Hontevideo, Uruguay and returning on 3/20/76 in order to place himself in personal contact with Jorge Antonio, who allogedly will return to Argentina on that date.

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